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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Elliott J. Straus et al.
FOR : **SELECTIVELY CONTROLLING IN-
MOLD COATING FLOW**
SERIAL NO. : 10/045,481
FILED : October 22, 2001
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STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

A Notice of Allowance concerning the above-identified patent application was received with a mailing date of May 21, 2004. The due date for payment of the issue fee and publication fee is indicated in the Notice of Allowance as being August 23, 2004. Applicant submitted a supplemental information disclosure statement ("IDS") on May 7, 2004 identifying references that were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in one or more counterpart foreign applications not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of the IDS and any deficiency in fees was authorized to be charged to a specified deposit account. A return receipt postcard confirming receipt of the IDS was date stamped by the USPTO on May 10, 2004 and returned. Copies of the

IDS and the return receipt postcard are provided herewith. Applicant is concerned that the IDS may not have been reviewed and/or matched with this application.

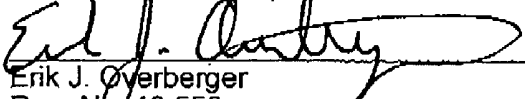
More specifically, a review of the USPTO's Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) database failed to show that the IDS was matched up with this patent application, considered and/or officially cited. A July 22, 2004 print-out of the PAIR page related to this application is provided herewith. Additionally, Applicant telephoned the Examiner on June 16, 2004 to inquire about the IDS and was told by the Examiner that the IDS had yet to be matched to the file. The Examiner suggested that Applicant wait awhile and continue to monitor the PAIR database. Since the IDS was filed over two (2) months ago and the final fee (issue fee and publication fee) is due in approximately one (1) month, Applicant thought it advisable to submit this States Inquiry.

Applicant respectfully requests confirmation that the IDS was considered and officially cited in the examination of this application. For this purpose, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner sign a copy of form PTO-1449 which was submitted as part of the IDS and provide his initials next to the documents identified therein. Applicant further requests that a copy of the signed and initialed PTO-1449 form be placed in the file wrapper of this patent application and a copy be sent to the undersigned representative of the Applicant. If the Examiner would like additional copies of the references supplied with the IDS it is requested that he contact the undersigned representative of Applicant.

Please advise as to the status of the IDS submitted on May 7, 2004 and the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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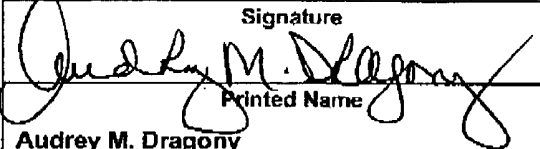
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